

1 As a general comment, I would like to say that the
2 larger the legislative body, the more concentrated the
3 legislative power is in the leadership.

4 The larger the legislative body, the more limited
5 is debate. The motion for the previous question always
6 hovers in the background, and time limits on debate become
7 absolutely necessary.

8 I think the House of Representatives in Washington
9 is an extreme example of this. It is not a debating body.
10 It may be a representative body, but the operation of the
11 House is tightly controlled by the leadership.

12 Now, of the proposed House of 80 members as
13 provided in the amendment, it has many advantages. It has
14 advantages to the membership of better salaries. It has
15 the advantage to the public of attracting the worthy
16 candidates, because of the improved political importance
17 and the dignity of the office.

18 All of the arguments made for unicameralism in
19 this area apply to the reduced size of the house.

20 The procedure within the house -- I might say
21 in connection with getting better candidates, you can